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In re Application of)
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M. SPECTOR et al.)
) Group Art Unit: 1647
Application No. 09/885,537)
) Examiner: Stephen Gucker
Filed: June 21, 2001)

For: COLLAGEN TUBES FOR NERVE REGENERATION

AMENDMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action dated October 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 13 and 18, and add the following new claim.

Clean Copy of Amended Claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A nerve regeneration tube for reconnecting nerve ends, the tube formed of a single sheet of a resorbable sidewall material consisting essentially of collagen sheet material having a compact, smooth outer barrier surface so as to inhibit cell adhesion thereon and act as a barrier to prevent passage of cells therethrough, the sheet material further having a fibrous inner surface opposite the smooth barrier surface, said tube having an inner diameter of about 0.5-5mm, said tube having opposite ends into which ends of nerves are inserted for reconnection and regeneration of said nerves.

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